

Finance and Administration Cabinet Newsletter

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Measure Twice, Cut Once

On July 27, staff from KHEAA/KHESLC and the Finance and Administration Cabinet participated in a Women for Habitat build. Women for Habitat is a sub-committee of Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Each year, a house is sponsored and built by women, creating a setting where women are comfortable learning construction skills from each other.

"I try to volunteer at least once a year. It's a great team building experience, it's empowering, and it's for a good cause," said Erin Klarer, VP of Government Relations for KHEAA/KHESLC. "The work is hard, dirty and challenging, but the rewards are very worthwhile. I love it."

Erin was joined by Jodi Renn, VP of Internal Audit at KHEAA/KHESLC; Linda Sewell, recently retired VP of Human Resources at KHEAA/KHESLC; and Corey Kline, Legislative Liaison for the Finance and Administration Cabinet. Along with other volunteers, they installed Hardiplank siding, a low maintenance, long-lasting material made out of fiber cement. The team quickly learned that proper measurements were key, and by the end of the day they had completed nearly half of one exterior wall.



L-R: Corey Kline, FAC & Jodi Renn, KHEAA/KHESLC.

"I enjoyed the experience very much," said Linda. "I was a little apprehensive about what I could contribute, but I was willing to try and I'm glad I did. We received great instruction and supervision, and I felt comfortable in my tasks."

The most rewarding part of the day was when the recipient family stopped by. The volunteers learned there were going to be ten people living in the home and were able to meet the father and two of the children.

Originally from Somalia, Hussein Mugazi, and his wife, Aziza Maitula, immigrated to Louisville to escape war. Their children are Khadija, 17; Mariam, 13; Fariya, 12; Mana, 10; Zeriefa, 8; Abdulahab, 6; Hamilia, 4; and Abdirezag, 2. Aziza said, "I want my own house because I want my family to live a happy life." She believes her family is special because they take such good care of one another. She also says that aside from learning important skills at the construction site, one of her greatest accomplishments was getting her first job at a plastics company when she first arrived in America. One day she plans to go to college and study nursing.

"Volunteering with Habitat is a win-win," said Corey. "I get to meet great people, learn a lot of helpful ideas and information for my own house, and feel good knowing that I am helping a family build a good and safe home."

"Habitat helps families build their American dream," said Jodi. "They do wondrous things."

Women for Habitat's motto is: "As girls we played house. As women we build them." If you would like to volunteer on a future build, please contact Erin Klarer at eklarer@kheslc.com.



Don't Miss the Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 15-25

Kids of all ages will have lots of things to see, hear and do at this year's Kentucky State Fair. For information go to KYStateFair.org.





Dine Out for KECC!!!

Eating lunch out is a regular occurrence for many of us, so why not eat to benefit KECC?

On **Aug. 15, Sept. 13**, and **Oct. 15**, if you dine in or carryout at either of the Frankfort locations of Applebee's or Johnny Carino's and present the a **DINE TO DONATE** flyer, <u>10%</u> of your bill will be donated to KECC. Click <u>here</u> for Applebee's Flyer. Click <u>here</u> for Carino's Flyer.

Dr. Bob Tarvin Retires Aug. 30



L-R: Dr. Tarvin and Robin Kinney, FAC Deputy Secretary

At his recent retirement reception, Dr. Bob Tarvin, executive director of the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC). had the opportunity to see many individuals he's worked with over the last 20 years. As executive director, Dr. Tarvin led a small, yet important team as the SFCC has worked on hundreds of new school construction and technology projects. The SFCC works closely with the Kentucky Department of Education to facilitate the implementation of a comprehensive school facility construction program and educational technology program for the state. Dr. Tarvin's position will be open until filled.



L-R: Kristi Russell, Dr. Tarvin, Lisa Collins, School Facilities Construction Commission

Don't Get Scammed by Fraudulent Unclaimed Property Email

State Treasurer Todd Hollenbach is warning Kentuckians to be on guard against fraudulent emails alleging that they have unclaimed property. A deceptive email is being sent stating that it is from "Regional Auditor, Mrs. Alexis James," of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA). The message promises the recipient that they have inherited a large sum of money from a deceased relative and more details will be provided once personal information is given.



According to Hollenbach's office, this email being sent to people is nothing more than a con-artist attempting to steal identities. No such person works for NAUPA nor does the organization notify owners of forgotten or missing funds.

The Kentucky *Treasure Finders* program works with local volunteers who spend time calling members of their community as part of Hollenbach's initiative to return unclaimed property. *Treasure Finders* is a way to reach out and let Kentuckians know about lost money and other assets being held for them by their state treasurer. No emails are sent as part of that outreach.

If individuals receive an email claiming to come from the Kentucky State Treasurer's office, making this or similar assertions, they should contact Kentucky State Treasury directly. To contact Kentucky's Unclaimed Property Division, call toll free 1-800-465-4722 or securely search for unclaimed property at www.MissingMoney.com

Send Us Your News and Announcements!

We want to hear about your news and updates. To submit information or articles, please send to Pamela.trautner@ky.gov.

Pictures for the Week

Dr. Tarvin's Retirement Reception & Women's Build



Above L-R: Scott Tarvin, Dr. Tarvin's son; Bob Wagner, executive director, Association of Retired Teachers; Dudley Cotton, Majority Leadership Office, Ky House of Representatives; Chip Sutherland, Hilliard Lyons.



Below L-R: Shana Tarvin, Dr. Tarvin's Daughter, & Mary Helen Terrell, retired from SFCC.





Middle L-R: Drew, Danielle, Corey Kline-FAC, & Christa Front L-R: Linda Sewell & Erin Klarer-KHEAA/KHESLC & Vicki (site leader)

Left: Progress being made.